Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An information appliance system that manages asynchronous requests for user interface resources, the system comprising:

an information appliance device having a user interface device, wherein the user interface device comprises that includes a plurality of user interface device resources;

an entity, wherein the entity is disposed a non-user-selectable application operable to utilize the plurality of user interface device resources;

an application focus manager operable to input information from the applications, wherein the focus manager comprises a queue; and

an asynchronous request having a corresponding from the asynchronous entity application, wherein the asynchronous entity unselectable by a user, wherein the asynchronous request is non-user-initiated and unpredictable when is operable to requesting any of plurality of the user interface device resources, wherein the asynchronous request is received by the focus application manager, wherein the asynchronous request is stored in the queue and assigned a priority level, wherein based on the priority level the asynchronous entity application: interrupts access to the user interface resources by a lower-priority application, takes control of the plurality of user interface device resources from the lower priority application the entity, wherein the asynchronous entity utilizes the plurality of user interface device resources, and wherein the asynchronous entity returns relinquishes control of the plurality of user interface device resources to the entity.

2. (currently amended) The information appliance system of claim 1, wherein the priority level is comprised of an importance factor and an urgency factor, wherein the importance factor is stored on the information appliance system, and wherein the urgency factor is supplied by the asynchronous entity application.

3. (currently amended) The information appliance system of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of asynchronous entity application attributes, wherein the plurality of asynchronous entity application attributes are stored in the information appliance system, and wherein the plurality of asynchronous entity application attributes comprise the importance factor.

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4. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 2, wherein the importance factor and the urgency factor are combined to create the priority level.

5. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity returns~~ <u>application relinquishes</u> control of the plurality of user interface device resources ~~to the entity~~ upon acknowledgment of the asynchronous ~~entity~~ <u>application</u>.

6. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous entity takes control of the plurality of user interface device resources immediately.

7. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous request is received by the ~~focus~~ <u>application</u> manager at a receipt time, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity~~ <u>application</u> takes control of the plurality of user interface device resources ~~from the entity~~ at an implementation time, wherein the implementation time is after the receipt time, and wherein a difference between the implementation time and the receipt time is controlled by the priority level.

8. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity~~ <u>application</u> takes control of a first set of the plurality of user interface device resources ~~from the entity~~, and wherein the asynchronous ~~entity~~ <u>application</u> utilizes the first set of the plurality of user interface device resources.

9. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity is comprised of an~~ application <u>relinquishes control of the user interface resources to one of the group of the application that was interrupted and another application in the queue</u>.

10. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity is comprised of~~ <u>application includes</u> a service.

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11. (currently amended) The information ~~appliance~~ system of claim 1, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity is comprised of~~ application includes a subsystem.

12. (currently amended) A method of managing ~~an~~ asynchronous ~~entity~~ requests for user interface resources in an information ~~appliance~~ system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an information ~~appliance~~ device having a user interface ~~device, wherein the user interface device comprises~~ that includes a plurality of ~~user interface device~~ resources;

providing ~~an entity, wherein the entity is disposed~~ a non-user-selectable application operable to utilize the plurality of user interface device resources;

providing an application ~~focus~~ manager operable to input information from the applications, wherein the ~~focus~~ manager comprises a queue;

providing an asynchronous request ~~having a corresponding~~ from the asynchronous ~~entity~~ application, ~~wherein the asynchronous entity unselectable by a user, wherein the asynchronous request is non-user initiated and unpredictable when~~ is operable to ~~requesting~~ any of plurality of the user interface device resources, wherein the asynchronous request is received by the ~~focus~~ application manager;

assigning a priority level to the asynchronous request;

storing the asynchronous request in the queue; wherein based on the priority level:

having asynchronous entity:

interrupt access to the user interface resources by a lower-priority application;

take control of the plurality of user interface device resources from the lower priority application ~~the entity based on the priority level~~;

utilizing the plurality of user interface device resources; and

~~returning~~ relinquishing control of the plurality of user interface device resources ~~to the entity~~.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein assigning a priority level comprises assigning an importance factor and an urgency factor, wherein the importance factor is stored on the information ~~appliance~~ system, and wherein the urgency factor is supplied by the asynchronous request.

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14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing a plurality of asynchronous ~~entity~~ application attributes, wherein the plurality of asynchronous ~~entity~~ application attributes are stored in the information ~~appliance~~ system, and wherein the plurality of asynchronous ~~entity~~ application attributes comprise the importance factor.

15. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising combining the importance factor and the urgency factor to create the priority level.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein ~~returning~~ relinquishing control of the plurality of user interface device resources comprises ~~returning~~ relinquishing control of the plurality of user interface device resources ~~to the entity~~ upon acknowledgment of the asynchronous entity.

17. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein taking control of the plurality of user interface device resources comprises taking control of the plurality of user interface device resources immediately.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising providing a receipt time, wherein the asynchronous request is received by the ~~focus~~ application manager at the receipt time, providing an implementation time, wherein the asynchronous ~~entity~~ application takes control of the plurality of user interface device resources at the implementation time, wherein the implementation time is after the receipt time, and wherein a difference between the implementation time and the receipt time is controlled by the priority level.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising taking control of a first set of the plurality of user interface device portions, and wherein the asynchronous ~~entity~~ application utilizes the first set of the plurality of user interface device portions.

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20. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the relinquishing step comprises relinquishing control of the plurality of user interface device resources to one of the group of the application that was interrupted and another application in the queue.

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